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1. The following are the total selections from the Chinese language Hong Kong press for the indicated week and BAIR subject: (1) Large Oil Shale Mine Discovered in Keilungkiang; (2) 4,000 Blast Furnaces to be Built in Kwangtung; (3) A Large Open-Air Coal Mine in Inner Mongolia; (4) Mainland-Made Air Conditioner for Sale in HONG KONG; (5) Heavy Machine Tool Factory Built in SHANGHAI.

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1. LARGE OIL SHALE MINE DISCOVERED IN HEILUNGKIANG - Ta Kung Pao, China News Service, PEKING, 15 Aug - A large oil shale mine has been discovered in the PEI AN area in the north of Heilungkiang province. This mine spreads over an area of 2,000 square kilometers, with a deposit of 120 billion tons. It has a thickness of about 30 meters and its deposit contains 6 per cent oil in average. This is the largest oil shale mine ever discovered in China.

2. 4,000 BLAST FURNACES TO BE BUILT IN KWANGTUNG - Ta Kung Pao, Special, CANTON, 19 Aug - The masses of Kwangtung have carried out a steel and iron production campaign. According to incomplete statistics 1,934 local-built blast furnaces are now in production (total daily output 2,019 tons) and another 2,196 (total daily output 2,833 tons) are under construction.

a. The Kwangtung Provincial Committee of the Chinese Communist Party issued an emergency directive today concerning the strengthening of party leadership in steel and iron production. The directive urged the masses to complete the construction of the 4,000 blast furnaces so that all of them might be in production within half month's time.

3. A LARGE OPEN-AIR COAL MINE IN INNER MONGOLIA - Ta Kung Pao, Hsinhua News Agency, HUHEHOT, 17 Aug - A large electrified open-air coal mine is under construction in CHAO-WU-TA-MING (44°N 120°E) of Inner Mongolia. When completed it will produce 5 million tons of coal a year. According to prospecting data coal reserve in this mine amounts to 137,000,000 tons. The thickest part of the coal layer measures 47 meters.

4. MAINLAND-MADE AIR CONDITIONER FOR SALE IN HONG KONG - New Evening Post, Special, 21 Aug - Newly manufactured air conditioners from the mainland are now available for sale in Hong Kong. According to the local distributors, China Resources Company, these air conditioners are suitable for factories, department stores, theaters, restaurants, cafes and residential houses.

a. This type of air conditioner, known as "Penguin" brand, is a product of SHANGHAI. It is a 3-coldton floor type 5 h.p. air conditioner, and is priced at HK\$7,633.00. The China Resources Company have already received orders from various building contractors in HONG KONG.

b. The "Penguin" air conditioner can be easily installed and is simple in construction. It has the following characteristics:

- 1) It is not bulky - only occupies 3/4 square meters of floor space.
- 2) Smart appearance - with colorful enamel paint.
- 3) Can be used for ventilation; to purify foul air; and to regulate cool air, warm air and humidity.
- 4) Almost noiseless when used as a ventilator.
- 5) Ensures a high degree of coolness in hot weather.
- 6) Can keep the air warm in cold weather, after simple adjustments.
- 7) Its output can be adjusted to suit small or big rooms.

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8) Its air-compressor unit has sound-proof and shock-proof facilities.

9) Push-button type automatic control.

10) Extra safety device to prevent leakage of water or electric current.

5. HEAVY MACHINE TOOL FACTORY BUILT IN SHANGHAI - Wen Wei Pao, Hsinhua News Agency, SHANGHAI, 19 Aug - Construction of the Shanghai Heavy Machine-Tool Factory was started on 18 August. When fully completed next year this factory will be capable of producing tens of thousand tons of heavy and super-heavy machine tools and many advanced type of precision lathes a year. Its design is based on that of the Wuhan Heavy Machine Tool Factory but its capital investment is only half as much and production capacity much greater. The first phase construction of this factory is expected to be completed in November this year.

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